

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2007-32-C

IN RE      Midwestern Telecommunications, Incorporated Application   )  
            for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier   )  
            for the Purposes of Receiving Federal Universal Service    )  
            Support Pursuant to Sections 214 (e)(2) of the                )  
            Telecommunications Act of 1996                                )

**PETITION TO  
INTERVENE**

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") respectfully submits the within Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. In support of its Petition, SCTC would respectfully show unto this honorable Commission:

1.       SCTC is a coalition of incumbent local exchange telephone companies organized and doing business under the laws of the State of South Carolina. SCTC's members are telephone companies or telephone cooperatives subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. A list of companies on whose behalf the SCTC is intervening in this matter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

2.       SCTC seeks to intervene in this proceeding with full rights to participate as a party of record in so far as its interests might appear.

3.       SCTC member companies are local exchange carriers who serve as carriers of last resort in their respective service areas and, in addition, are rural telephone companies that rely on universal service support to continue the provision of affordable basic local exchange service in their respective service areas. SCTC has a continuing interest in the integrity of federal and state universal service support mechanisms, and has a direct and substantial interest in this


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proceeding and the impact it could have on those mechanisms. SCTC's position is that its participation in this proceeding will help insure that such mechanisms are not adversely impacted. In addition, SCTC has an interest in assuring that appropriate and consistent standards are applied to carriers seeking designation as eligible telecommunication carriers in South Carolina.

4. Correspondence and communications to SCTC with respect to this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition respectfully requests that this honorable Commission permit its intervention in this proceeding as its interests might appear.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies**

Chesnee Telephone Company

Chester Telephone Company

Ft. Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, Inc.

Home Telephone Company, Inc.

Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, Inc.

Lockhart Telephone Company

McClellanville Telephone Company

Norway Telephone Company

Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

PBT Telecom, Inc.

Ridgeway Telephone Company

Rock Hill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, Inc.

Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

St. Stephen Telephone Company

West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Williston Telephone Company

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